

# Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Rebate Program Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

### What is the benefit of the EV Infrastructure Rebate Program?

The EV Infrastructure Rebate Program provides rebates toward the installation of electric vehicle (EV) charging stations within the State of Illinois.

## How long will this funding cycle of the program be open?

The deadline for the Fall 2014 funding cycle of the EV Infrastructure Rebate Program is **4:30pm on Thursday, April 16, 2015.** 

# What types of stations qualify for funding through the EV Infrastructure Rebate Program? Eligible stations are:

- Hardwired Level 1 (120 V AC) models with SAE J1772 cord connectors;
- Level 2 (208-240V AC) models with SAE J1772 cord connectors; and
- DC fast charging ("DCFC") models with SAE J1772 combo and/or CHAdeMO cord connectors.

# What types of stations <u>do not</u> qualify for funding through the EV Infrastructure Rebate Program?

Tesla stations **do not qualify** for funding based on their proprietary cord connection. Outlet-only projects are also not considered eligible for the rebate program.

For complete definitions on eligible station and project types, please refer to the program guidelines located at www.lllinoisEnergy.org/EV.

#### What funding is available for these EV charging stations?

Rebates through the EV Infrastructure Rebate Program cover 50% of the cost of equipment and installation (labor and materials) up to the following caps:

- \$3,750 per networked single station (stations that have a cellular or internet connection);
- \$3,000 per non-networked single station;
- \$7,500 per networked dual station;
- \$6,000 per non-networked dual station;
- \$15,000 per networked DCFC station; and
- \$12,500 per non-networked DCFC station.

The maximum possible rebate incentive is \$50,000.

#### Can I receive this rebate in combination with other electric vehicle incentives?

The Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Rebate can be received in combination with the federal tax credit and the City of Chicago's Drive Clean Station program (if applicable to your project). The only incentive funding that cannot be used in combination with the EV Infrastructure Rebate Program is funding from

the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009. For that reason, projects funded through the Ecotality EV Project do not qualify for the EV Infrastructure Rebate Program. Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Rebate applicants may also be interested in the Illinois EPA's Alternate Fuel Rebate Program, which provides rebates toward the purchase of electric vehicles. See <a href="https://www.illinoisgreenfleets.org">www.illinoisgreenfleets.org</a>.

## Do I or does my organization qualify to apply?

Eligible applicants include units of government, businesses, educational institutions, non-profit organizations, and individual residents. You do not have to be located in Illinois to apply; however, your charging station *must* be located in the State of Illinois to qualify for funding.

#### What if my station was installed before the program opened in the Fall of 2014?

The rebate program allows eligible purchase and installation costs incurred on or after August 29, 2013.

# Can you help me find the best station for my project?

Plug In America has an electric vehicle accessory tracker which lists many of the available EV charging stations currently on the market: <a href="http://www.pluginamerica.org/accessories">http://www.pluginamerica.org/accessories</a>

#### Who should install my station?

If your station was installed between *August 29, 2013 and December 31, 2013,* the installation must have been performed by a licensed electrician who is registered to transact business in the State of Illinois and maintains appropriate insurance coverage.

If your station was or will be installed on or after *January 1, 2014,* it must be installed by an electrician or electrical company that has been certified by the Illinois Commerce Commission (ICC) under the rule on the "Certification for the Installation, Maintenance or Repair of Electric Vehicle Charging Stations" (83 Ill. Adm. Code, Ch I, Subch c, Part 469).

For a list of certified installers, refer to: <a href="http://www.icc.illinois.gov/utility/Certified.aspx?type=25">http://www.icc.illinois.gov/utility/Certified.aspx?type=25</a>
For a map of these certified installers, refer to:

https://mapsengine.google.com/map/edit?mid=z47bccbnlqiA.kHWUA5rdioR4

If an installer you would like to work with is *not* currently certified, please direct them to the ICC's website for certification information:

http://www.icc.illinois.gov/Electricity/EVChargingStationInstallerCert.aspx

Self-installed projects are **not eligible** for funding under the EV Infrastructure Rebate Program. Both individual residents and commercial applicants must use one of the installers above, depending on their project's installation date, to qualify for funding.

#### Should I notify my electric utility before starting my project?

If you intend to install a Level 2 or DCFC station, the Illinois Commerce Commission requires that you notify your electric utility prior to starting your installation project and again within 30 days after completing your installation project. This will allow your electric utility to ensure the equipment connected to your home or commercial location is capable of serving the additional charging load from your electric vehicle charging station. If you are a resident of a single-family home, this will also give you opportunities to discuss any potential "real-time" rate pricing options for electric vehicles, which could save you money!

If you are an Ameren Illinois customer, you can call Ameren's Construction Hotline at **(888) 659-4540** in Illinois or submit an online request

(<u>https://forms.ameren.com/sites/corp/EV/Pages/EVServiceAssessment.aspx</u>) for a free capacity assessment of Ameren's service wires to your location.

If you are a ComEd customer, you can register your electric vehicle online (<a href="https://www.comed.com/technology/electric-vehicles/vehicle-registration/Pages/default.aspx">https://www.comed.com/technology/electric-vehicles/vehicle-registration/Pages/default.aspx</a>) or call **866-NEW-ELEC (866-639-3532)** and select **Option 2** to register your electric vehicle over the phone.

# Where can I find the application packet for this program?

The application packet, including information on all documents required for submission, can be found here: <a href="www.IllinoisEnergy.org/EV">www.IllinoisEnergy.org/EV</a>. This website also provides information on additional electric vehicle programs available within the State of Illinois.

#### Who can I contact for more information on the program?

Individuals with questions about the EV Infrastructure Rebate Program can reach DCEO staff by email at IllinoisEV@Illinois.gov.

If you are unsure about any portion of your project, but want to receive rebate funding, please reach out to Illinois DCEO staff *before* beginning installation.

To speak directly to an individual regarding the DCEO EV Infrastructure Rebate Program, please contact:

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